

Sermon series: Reminders for a Hard Season

5/7/23 “Finding Safety,” Hebrews 6:12-20, MEV

INTRODUCTION: Have you seen people give up on Jesus because life became too difficult? Have you ever been so tempted?

MAIN IDEA: Hold fast your hope in Jesus Christ. [our eternal salvation] Why? Here are three reasons.

I. First, God has given us His word (13-14)

NOTE: We are Abe’s descendants by faith; we receive the blessing.

Bless: *eulogeo* = He acts for our good as He sees our need, not necessarily our desire. – *Zodhiates*

A. His word is unchangeable (immutable) (18a)

1. both His promise & His oath

Oath of confirmation (16): to produce confidence, ends all dispute

2. because He is truth—He cannot lie

B. His decision to bless is unchangeable (17)

immutability (unchangeability) of His counsel (will, decision—to bless Abraham’s descendants)

1. He decided to bless because He wanted to

2. His decision to bless is unchangeable

C. His word gives us hope & encourages confidence

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II. Second, God has proven He keeps His word (15)

A. we see examples of those before us (Heb. 6:12)

1. Abraham received Isaac (in his lifetime)
2. Abraham received all of what God had promised

B. we see that patiently enduring in hope is rewarded (15)

patiently endured: persevere patiently & bravely while enduring misfortunes & troubles, as opposed to losing faith or giving up

–*Thayer*

C. because God has kept EVERY promise in the past, we can trust Him to keep every promise: new bodies, eternal salvation, His peace & joy

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III. Finally, God’s word strengthens us to hold fast (18-20)

Strong (mighty) **encouragement** (comforting)

A. we have fled to Jesus our refuge in hope (18)

1. He has gone before us into the Most Holy Place
2. we go to Him for eternal life
3. we follow Him into the Most Holy Place

B. our hope in Him anchors our soul

Anchor: stabilizes the thing to which it is attached

Soul: mind, will, emotions, seat of our desires, affections, passions

1. stabilizes us amidst current, against drift

EX:

2. stabilizes us amidst storms, against being lost

EX:

3. stabilizes us when we feel like strangers & aliens

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CONCLUSION:

